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Bill Snook marks his 106th birthday

Bill's big day!

ONE of West Lancs' oldest residents has been marking his 106th birthday!

Bill Snook celebrated recently with residents and staff at Springfield Court Nursing Home in Ormskirk.

Elizabeth Wynne from the home said: "Due to current restrictions, Bill was not able to meet up with his family but he enjoyed a special tea party with fellow residents."

"His friend Mary Roby made him a beautiful dried flower arrangement for his room and he received many gifts and cards."

"He enjoyed music and birthday cake and when asked how he was feeling for reaching such a fantastic age, he just said 'lucky'!"

"He enjoys activities in the home and is a big fan of ballroom dancing and enjoys songs and films."

He enjoys a chat and a coffee with his friends in the home and is much loved by everyone."

WE MUST ALL PLAY OUR PART TO STOP SPREAD OF VIRUS

County gets reprieve from harsh lockdown but figures show big jump in Covid-19 infection rate in borough

Report by Tom Martin

PUBS, bars and gyms will remain open in West Lancashire after the county avoided being placed in the most severe category of the new 'Tier' system created to stop the spread of coronavirus.

Leaders at the county council say they were given a "last minute reprieve" from the government, despite having some of the highest infection rates in the country.

As a result, Lancashire has been placed in Tier 2 of the new Covid-19 alert system and not the strictest Tier 3, which has been handed to neighbouring Liverpool City Region.

Latest government figures show a big jump in the seven-day infection rates across the county including West Lancashire (up from 241.5 to 398.9 per 100,000 people, with 456 new cases).



Wearing a face mask can help prevent the spread of the virus.

The new Tier system comes into force today (Wednesday, October 14) and means that – for now – bars and pubs will not be closed in the county, but Geoff Driver, leader of Lancashire County Council, believes it is "highly likely" that parts or the whole of Lancashire will end up in Tier 3.

Mr Driver said: "The stark truth is that Lancashire has some of the highest infection rates in the country and it is highly likely that more restrictions are on their way."

Being in Tier 2 means any indoor socialising is

banned across Lancashire. That means you can't meet up with anyone you don't live with, whether in your home, a bar or restaurant, or any other social setting – unless they are part of your bubble.

You can meet people outside, in places like parks and beer gardens, but you must abide by the rule of six – and you must keep your distance.

If you've got a garden at your home, you can now have people there. If some or all of Lancashire goes into Tier 3, then garden socialising will once again be banned.

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Lancashire County Council's director of public health, said: "We have had restrictions on our lives since March and we are all tired, but with infections on the rise it is now more important than ever that we play our part to prevent its spread."

"Lives are at stake here, and it could be the lives of the people closest to you."

"The most important thing you can do when you interact with people you don't live with is to keep your distance."

"Combined with regular handwashing and wearing a mask, this vastly reduces your risk of getting infected or passing it on if you have it."

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New coronavirus testing facility now open at university

Service available for those with Covid-19 symptoms of to book appointments

Report by Henry James

A WALK-through coronavirus testing facility has opened at Edge Hill University for those who have Covid-19 symptoms.

Testing is available only for those with coronavirus symptoms – a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

The site is situated in Edge Hill's sports tennis courts so as to be easily accessible for people without a car.

Those being tested will be required to follow public health measures, including social distancing, not travelling by taxi or public transport, practising good personal hygiene and wearing a face-covering throughout, including while travelling to and from the testing centre.

The Government has said it is part of the UK-wide drive to continue to "improve the accessibility of coronavirus" testing for local communities.

Anyone attending an appointment at a walk-through testing site will be provided with guidance on getting to and from the test site safely, with additional support for vulnerable groups and people



The new service is available for people with Covid-19 symptoms to book appointments.

with disabilities. Testing at the new site started on Friday, October 9, with appointments made available each day.

Anyone with one or more of these symptoms should book a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119. Anyone testing positive for the virus in England will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace to help them trace their contacts.

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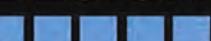


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Edge Hill praised for providing free healthy food to students who isolate



Part of the weekly provisions for a group of six to eight students at Edge Hill University

Generous support packages compared favourably to other colleges who are charging £70 for parcels of sandwiches and crisps

Report by Danielle Thompson

Edge Hill University have been praised for providing students with healthy food at no cost while they are self-isolating in campus accommodation.

Other universities across the country have been criticised for charging as much as £70 for food parcels made up of a sandwich, crisps, and a chocolate bar.

But Edge Hill students who are isolating are being given plenty of nutritious food at no charge whether they are in catered halls or not. Support packages are also being provided to those living on campus who need to self-isolate, to support their

health and wellbeing, including free toiletries.

Students have been taught face-to-face on campus - if they can attend safely - as well as engaging in 'blended learning.' This means that face-to-face teaching and learning will run alongside online learning.

There is also a Covid-19 testing facility on campus.

A spokesperson for the university said: "Due to the success of a temporary testing facility on campus, we have acted to secure a permanent onsite testing facility to make it easier for students, staff and the community to be tested and provide reassurance that they can access a test readily."

"Our Wellbeing team is providing students with mental health support to help with anxiety that might be caused by the pandemic.

"This includes self-help support such as anxiety relief techniques and mindfulness exercises. In addition, the Wellbeing team offer a counselling service.

"Edge Hill Sport is using the mywellness

app to bring students on-demand workouts at home, whether they are self-isolating or would prefer to work out in the comfort of their own home.

"They are also offering a free trial membership for all new students to try out the facilities.

"As part of our cultural and social activity during the Autumn term, our Arts Centre has been bringing students the most recent film releases, comedy, outdoor cinema, performances and music to enjoy online.

"We have a dedicated Campus Life team to help students settle into university and make them part of the Edge Hill community with Campus Connectors who are fellow students that signpost to support teams who will be able to help students with any problems they might have.

"The team offer students a range of online and in-person events - from virtual quizzes, competitions and vlogs to socially distanced outdoor activities (under a gazebo if it's raining) - there is something for everyone to get involved in."

Former soldier with PTSD ran 375 miles on a treadmill to raise funds for mental health charity

Report by Henry James

A FORMER soldier from Skelmersdale who suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder has raised just under £6,000 for a mental health charity after running 375 miles on a treadmill.

Graham McKenna, 41, was hoping to complete 886 kilometres, which is the equivalent to 21 marathons, to smash a world record for running on a treadmill across seven days, but sadly due to an injury and a technical problem with the treadmill he fell short of this target.

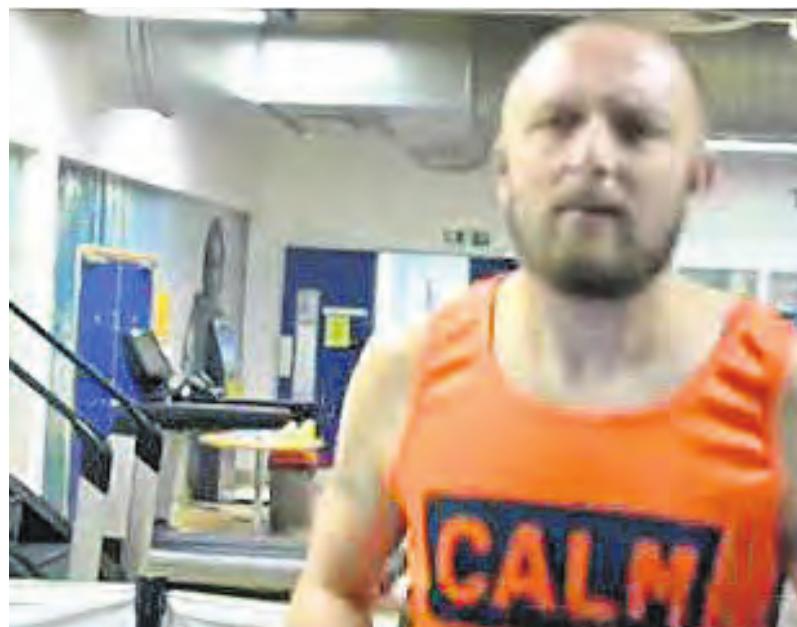
However, he has still raised a lot of money which will be donated to mental health charity CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably).

Graham served with the army in Iraq and Afghanistan as part of the communication division and has since had Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Graham, who now lives in Taunton but has family still living in Skelmersdale, says running helps him alleviate stress.

On his JustGiving fundraising website page, Graham wrote: "After seeking help when I was too stubborn to see it was needed (I'm a grown man right?), I've made it my mission to raise awareness of the charities that are there to help."

"It doesn't matter how tough you are, how strong you are or how macho you



Graham attempting to break the world record

are, sometimes we all need a little space, a point in the right direction or just a place to unload.

"The statistics on suicide are truly shocking and male suicide even more so. It's the number one killer of men under the age of 45 in the UK.

"If, through supporting CALM, I can help even one person to pause and seek help then all the training, effort and pain will have been worth it."

For more information and to donate, visit www.justgiving.com/campaign/GrahamMcKenna

Children's A&E opening extended until midnight

OPENING hours at Ormskirk Hospital's Children's A&E department will be extended to midnight from Monday, October 19.

The unit had been closed between 10pm and 8am daily from Monday, April 6 this year, because the Trust could not

maintain safe and consistent medical cover due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The unit will now be open from 8am to midnight.

Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust chief executive Trish Armstrong-Child said: "A significant workforce challenge remains

around 24/7 cover given the uncertainty around Covid infections and the continued, and potential, impact on staffing.

"However, I am pleased to say the clinical team have been able to strengthen cover available to extend the opening hours. From Monday, October 19,

when new rosters come into effect, Children's A&E will open from 8am to midnight with medical cover available until 2am."

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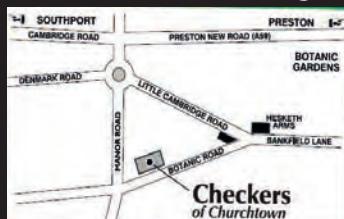
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Council owned company to build its first new homes

Properties will be owned and managed by the local authority and available for affordable rent

Report by Henry James

FAMILIES in West Lancashire will be able to move into new homes which will be the first new properties built by Tawd Valley Developments, a company formed by West Lancashire Borough Council.

The company is building 13 new council houses on the site of the former Eskbank Nursery in Skelmersdale, made up of nine two-bedroom and four three-bedroom houses.

When completed these will be available for affordable rent and will be owned and managed by the borough council.

Tawd Valley Developments managing director, Stephen Feast, said: "I am delighted that we will be able to build these great new homes for local people to live in."

"We hope the families who live here will enjoy them for many years to come."

West Lancashire Borough Council cabinet member for housing and landlord services Councillor Jenny Wilkie, added: "At the council we are proud of our record of providing affordable housing for local people so they can raise their families in the area where they come from."

Tawd Valley Developments is a company formed by West Lancashire Borough



Ross Litherland from Tawd Valley Developments, Councillor Jenny Wilkie, West Lancashire Borough Council cabinet member for housing and landlord services, Chris Twomey, chairman of Tawd Valley Developments Limited

Council to help it carry out projects such as building affordable new homes.

The council is the only shareholder and any financial surplus made by Tawd Valley Developments will be returned to the authority to be reinvested in the local community.

Mr Feast said: "These new homes at Eskbank are the kind of project that Tawd

Valley Developments was created for, to build high quality, much needed homes in our communities.

"There will be other benefits to the community aside from the great new housing as we will be using local firms and suppliers, thereby providing an important boost to the local economy in these difficult times."



Call for average speed cameras to be installed in School Lane.

Demand for average speed cameras on busy village road

Call follows three accidents in as many weeks with fears for safety of pedestrians on narrow roads

Report by Henry James

CALLS are being made for average speed cameras to be installed along the busy A577 road which runs through Up Holland following three traffic accidents in three weeks.

The first accident involved a young man on a motorcycle who came off and went under a car breaking both of his legs.

The second accident was a head-on collision while the most recent incident happened on Saturday, October 3 when a car mounted a pavement shortly after 10pm and collided with two sets of stone steps outside a row of houses.

The car knocked a top solid sand stone step right off its base onto the road and also damaged a gas pipe.

The driver then somehow managed to drive off leaving the car's front and back bumper in the road.

The police have the registration of the vehicle.

Calls are now being made for average speed cameras to be installed on the A577 from Parliament Street in Up Holland through to the border with Wigan.

Councillor Fillis said traffic accidents and speed have been of serious concern along School Lane for many years.

He added that the accidents have indicated that the drivers were driving too fast for the road conditions, and beyond their ability to drive the car safely.

The councillor said several homes have been hit by

vehicles and residents fear someone will be killed on the road as it has very narrow footpaths providing little protection for pedestrians.

Cllr John Fillis, a county councillor for Skelmersdale East Division, said: "There are two accident black spots on the road.

"One is at the junction of Church Street, Parliament Street and School Lane, with vehicles unable to take the bend.

"The cause of the accidents at the area between the barbers and hairdressers are due to alcohol, speed or driver error."

He added that proposals to create zig zag parking on the road and a mini roundabout were rejected after consultation with the local community.

A community road watch scheme, which involved police pulling over speeding drivers with members of the community speaking to them and handing them a letter identifying the dangers they were creating had to be stopped due to safety concerns.

The existing junction was also built out and the road re-lined but this failed to stop many drivers from speeding.

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council said: "As part of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership we work closely with the police to target our resources at locations where casualties and speeds are higher.

"We prioritise investment in new physical safety measures for sites with a high record of casualties, and this location will be considered as part of that process.

"Following a previous assessment of this road we have installed temporary signs to encourage drivers to think about the speed at which they are driving, and are currently reviewing their design to improve their impact on driver behaviour. We are also in discussions with the police who are considering what actions they may be able to take on this road."

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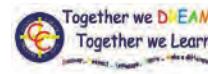
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Story book is tribute to mum who loved children

Report by Henry James

A WOMAN from Aughton has paid tribute to her mum who loved children by writing a book for young people.

Sue Smith, 66, began work on Fishcake Harry in September 2019 after her mum, Marjorie Casey, died at the age of 83.

She will officially launch the book on what would have been her mum's birthday – November 21 with all proceeds of the book going to Alder Hey Children's charity.

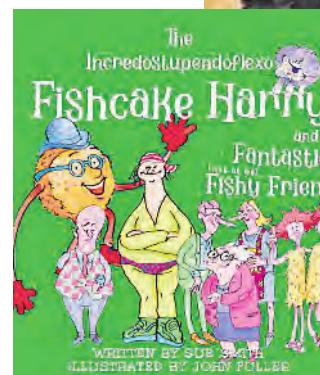
Sue said: "After spending most of my time with my mum I now had time on my hands, so as a distraction from the sadness I began to write short stories about a fictional character called Fishcake Harry and his friends.

"This character came from my childhood when my late dad told us of his work friend who was nicknamed Fishcake Harry because every day at work he ate a fishcake for lunch, and never ate anything else.

"My mum loved children especially her grandchildren. I often found her playing games with them in her 80s.

"Inside each chapter of the book is a moral i.e. Kindness, Thoughtfulness and Care, all of which mum instilled in me and my four siblings."

Sue wrote the chapters of the book in the evenings after work, but when the country went into lockdown at the start of the pandemic she was furloughed from work and had



Sue Smith wrote the children's book, left, as a tribute to her mother, Marjorie, above.

more time to write.

Sue added: "I wrote the chapters of the book in the evenings after work, but Covid-19 came along and I was furloughed, this gave me the time to finish the chapters and acquire the illustrations."

She used Skelmersdale illustrator, John Fuller, and a Burscough publisher, Debbie McGowan from Beaten Track Publishing on Fishcake Harry.

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School receives two prestigious awards

Accolades for Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College

Report by Henry James

STAFF and governors at a school in Skelmersdale, have been celebrating receiving two prestigious awards at the start of this academic year.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College has received re-accredited IQM Flagship status, which provides UK schools with a nationally recognised validation of their inclusive practice, and it has also become a Music Mark School.

Our Lady Queen of Peace has been a Flagship School for Inclusion since 2016 and takes a "leading role in sharing its work with other schools."

For the re-assessment this September the focus was on the extensive work in the school on further developing a fully inclusive curriculum, through which all children are able to succeed, thrive and follow their high aspirations.

The assessor recognised the: "Inclusive curriculum, where a great deal of progress has been made in a relatively short time."

As part of the most recent curricular developments, work was shared on the whole school curriculum structure.

The new courses are suited to young people of all abilities, new accreditations, flexible ways of approaching alternative provision, and student, staff, parental and governor involvement in creating innovative and flexible curricular opportunities.

In particular, the school has developed its own programme, called 'Curriculum for Life', evaluated as 'a fantastic programme' by the IQM assessor.



College celebrates receiving two prestigious awards. Pupils Ekene and Caitlin are shown

The school has also become a Music Mark School, which is awarded: "In recognition of a commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all children and young people."

Headteacher Ms Alison Knight congratulated and praised the students and staff: "Students in Our Lady's are extremely talented and our commitment to an outstanding Arts education is at the heart of the innovative, broad and balanced curriculum offered to all young people in our school."

"As well as an outstanding programme of concerts and shows, we are fully committed to ensuring that Arts subjects continue to be delivered as part of our full curriculum offer."

Hundreds of drivers to be prosecuted after speed enforcement campaign

HUNDREDS of motorists will be prosecuted after a three week enforcement campaign by Lancashire Police to crackdown on speeding.

As part of Project Edward (aiming for Every Day Without A Road Death) a team of Lancashire Police motorcyclists dealt with almost 450 offences in just three weeks between September 7 and 25.

The enforcement campaign which covered the whole county at key locations was put in place following concerns by officers and members of the public after a number of high speeds were detected during lockdown.

The police motorcyclists, using both marked and unmarked bikes, targeted all road users and detected 448 offences including: 154 speed offences; 136 seat

belt offences; 22 mobile phone offences and Plus 100 further prosecutions for offences such as illegal number plates (spacing, lettering, not present), tinted windows, and no insurance.

Chief Inspector Sue Bushell, head of Lancashire Police's Tactical Operations said: "We will continue to enforce the law amongst motorists who choose every day to make decisions that could lead to death and injury on our roads.

"Many of the offences detected during this operation will be dealt with in court and other offenders will be offered educational courses.

"Speeding makes up the majority of offences detected in this time and I'd like to remind the public that despite lockdown and a change in traffic volume, the speed limits are the same."

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Staff and residents mark carer's special birthday!

STAFF and residents have been celebrating a care assistant's 80th birthday!

Sheila Hardman marked her special day with a surprise party at Stocks Hall Burscough recently, when she was serenaded with a rendition of 'Happy Birthday' as gifts, cards and flowers were presented to her.

Manager, Sammi Molyneux said: "Sheila is an incredible care assistant and extremely dedicated to her role."

"She is such an important part of life here at Stocks Hall Burscough, and always has a kind word for everyone. We are very proud to have her as part of the team and delighted to have marked this special milestone."

"Sheila is a kind-hearted, compassionate person that the whole



The celebration for Sheila's 80th birthday

team looks up to and it is only through people as caring and professional as she is that we can provide the high quality of care support we are proud of.

"She is an integral part of the

family here and an inspirational lady - we are truly blessed to have such a wonderful carer, who proves that age is no barrier to caring.

"Many happy returns to Sheila, 80 years young."

Landslip caused by flood waters causes temporary rail line closure

New Lane flooding last week



A LANDSLIP caused the rail line between Wigan and Southport to be temporarily closed, following a day of disruption caused by flooding.

Heavy rain, falling on already sodden ground resulted in fast-moving floods on Wednesday, October 6. As the network was beginning to

recover from the flooding, a new landslip near Burscough Bridge meant that it was impossible to operate trains between Wigan Wallgate and Southport.

The line was closed on Wednesday, October 7 but it reopened to normal service on Thursday, October 8.

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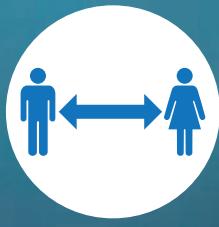
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Paddy and Betty Moorcroft (left, on their wedding day) celebrating their 70th anniversary (right)

Couple celebrate 70 years of wedded bliss

Interview by Henry James

A COUPLE living at Brookside retirement living scheme in Ormskirk, will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary this Wednesday (October 7), but will be unable to be with family due to new Covid-19 restrictions.

The couple have received a congratulation card from the Queen, which they said was "very nice indeed".

Paddy and Betty Moorcroft, aged 91 and 90, first met in Ormskirk in 1948.

Betty, originally from Skelmersdale, would come to Ormskirk with her friends to go dancing. They met at the local shop as Betty got off the train. She found out Paddy lived at the shop, so she started visiting more often to see him.

Their first kiss came a short time later during a game of Postman's Knock; their numbers were matched, and they shared a kiss in the hall and have been inseparable since.

They wed at St Paul's Parish Church in Skelmersdale in 1950, when Paddy was 21 years old, and Betty 20.

Paddy served in the Army from 1950, based in Scot-

land, Singapore, Hong Kong and Austria. He went on to have his own Plumbing and Heating business, which is still going today being run by one of his sons and grandson.

Betty spent 20 years working as a nursery nurse in a school for children with disabilities.

They have six children (four living), seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

During their marriage Paddy and Betty spent 18 years living in Fulwood to help their daughter with her supermarket business, before returning home to Ormskirk in 2012 to live at Brookside, a retirement living scheme run by Your Housing Group.

Susan Thomas, scheme manager for Your Housing Group, said: "What an amazing achievement to reach 70 years of marriage. Paddy and Betty are a wonderful couple and everyone at Brookside and Your Housing Group send their best wishes and congratulations."

And the secret to their happy marriage? Patience and understanding each other... although Betty admits she is the one with the most patience.

They had been hoping to see family on their anniversary socially distant in the Bistro at Brookside, but new Covid-19 restrictions means that they are unable to mix households.



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Hospital staff are heroes and I cannot thank them enough

I feel compelled to write regarding my recent stay in Southport Hospital.

On September 7 I attended in order to have major bowel surgery due to cancer.

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I have to say that the caring, attention and professionalism exhibited towards me was second to none.

These people truly are heroes and I cannot thank them enough for their compassion, empathy and understanding.

While I'm not entirely out of the woods yet and need chemotherapy and probably radiotherapy, I could not let this opportunity pass without expressing my sincere gratitude for my recent treatment.

Steve Parish,
Ormskirk

...I am so angry at stress this caused

After reading the letter on dogs barking, by 'Distressed' I was so angry.

Nobody should be subjected to the stress that this person is suffering.

They must phone West Lancashire Council which has a department to deal with such matters. The council has a duty to sort the matter out.

The great majority of people in Aughton are caring and look after their neighbours, but unfortunately there are odd ones who cause distress to others.

Tony Jennings,
Aughton

...but council did nothing!

Further to the 'barking dogs' letter, we have a problem with a barking dog which is outdoors for most of the day.

It was reported to the council who did nothing.

So we have to listen to it for most of the day while the owner sits in their property while the dog barks at everything from people to the birds in the trees.

Why can't people train their dogs like we have and why have a dog if you are going to leave it outside all day.

'Annoyed'
Skelmersdale

Enough laws already to tackle problem of pavement parking

I was rather concerned by your report on Pavement Parking.

While I agree this can be a problem, there are enough laws already to deal with it.

If the police haven't the resources to tackle this problem at present, a new law is not going to make

any difference to that situation.

The problem is bad inconsiderate drivers, but there are many roads where such parking is a necessity as the roads are too narrow.

To say then that people should use public transport more and own less

cars is to trot out a utopian dream that will not happen.

More realistically it is easier to educate or fine people who are breaking the existing laws.

JM
Birkdale

It may not have been a wise move to allow students back

The Ormskirk Residents group contacted the Champion in early August to air concerns about the return of Edge Hill University Students to the campus and town centre accommodation (printed in the paper's editorial section).

There have been reports of high incidences of Covid-19 infection on campuses and in off-campus student accommodation in areas all over the country.

Can we be sure that the health and wellbeing of Ormskirk's permanent residents and students is being adequately monitored by both the university (bearing in mind the statement

released by all university vice chancellors) and the borough council's public health officials?

The town is now expecting 2,500 young people from different parts of the country to arrive here and live on campus the rest will be living in HMOs around Ormskirk or travelling in via car or public transport from nearby places such as Liverpool, St Helens and Wigan.

With students already complaining about 'imprisonments' in Manchester was it a wise move to invite Edge Hill students back now?

Rosemary Ivory,
New Ormskirk Residents Group chair.

LETTERS to the Editor

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Money is being wasted caring for closed buildings

Just what is Lancashire County Council doing in spending large amounts of money on maintaining and securing properties that it has closed, often in the face of public opposition?

It must have cost a lot to demolish Westbank College facility after leaving closed, un-used, derelict and finally a burnt wreck leaving them with only one option to demolish it.

In Ormskirk town there is an even sadder case with Ormskirk College on Hants Lane, which was based in the historic Brandreth Hospital building, following the same fate, closed, un-used, derelict with the only option but to demolish.

Lancashire County Council had decades, yes decades to successfully use and develop a solution to the benefit of the local community.

In service to the community it has removed much appreciated services further away, spent large amounts of taxpayer's money given to private companies to provide security management and also on

maintenance.

Within the Westbank Glenburn complex there is the purpose-built Phoenix Theatre, the only one in the whole of West Lancashire Borough and that is scheduled for demolition.

It would be interesting if the exact expenditure could be extrapolated from the budgets for over the past five or ten years so the whole enormity of the lack of care can be seen.

It feels as if this has been rubber stamped yearly and lost in the greater scheme of things.

Could not these buildings with excellent disabled access and substantial plumbing be used as temporary accommodation and use a scheme such as 'live-in-guardians'?

Education is described as an enlightening experience.

Debbie Reardon,
By email

Block paving should be replaced

I wonder how many people have noticed the tar that is replacing our new block paving in Ormskirk town centre?

Each time a retail shop is converted above into student accommodation the builder takes the block paving up and

replaces it with tar.

The block paving should be replaced like for like and the borough council should make this a condition before the work is carried out.

Why hasn't anybody from the council objected to this

destruction of our town centre?

It is shameful that the shops are closing but the town still needs to look respectable.

Jean Taylor,
Ormskirk

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Pupils encouraged to walk to schools

Report by Henry James

PUPILS are being encouraged to celebrate the strides they've made to improve air quality and get more active by walking to school.

Walk to School Week has just been held (October 5-9) organised by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking. It aims to encourage families to try healthier and greener ways to travel to school.

Living Streets is also campaigning for changes to the Highway Code to put people first and a ban on pavement parking.

A generation ago, 70 per cent of children walked to school, now it's less than half.

The Government has recognised the importance of walking to school and set the first ever walk to school target in its Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy, to get 55% of primary school pupils walking to school by 2025.

West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper said: "Walk to school Week gives children the chance to enjoy fresh air and exercise. It reduces congestion, improves road safety and means we have cleaner air around schools."

"Walk to School Week provides a fantastic opportunity for families to give walking to school a go and see how they could make a more permanent change to how they travel.

"I hope many more families in West Lancashire will follow in the footsteps of other pupils and give walking to school a go."



MP Rosie Cooper

Mary Creagh, chief executive at Living Streets added: "Walking to school is a fun and easy way for families to get active."

"We're thrilled that local pupils are joining thousands of children nationwide to swap the school run for a school walk."

We need safer streets so more families have confidence to walk to school."

... while MP also urges residents to calculate their diabetes risk now

RESEARCH carried out by the NHS National Clinical Director for Diabetes and Obesity has revealed that people with Type 2 of the condition are twice as likely to die from the coronavirus.

To combat this risk, people who are at high risk of developing it will be fast-tracked into the Healthier You NHS Diabetes Prevention programme. It provides personalised support to reduce people's risk, which includes education on healthy eating and lifestyle, help to lose weight and physical exercise programmes.

From July, an online tool, hosted by Diabetes UK has been available online for people to calculate

their risk of developing the condition by answering a series of basic questions including age, weight and ethnicity. If your score comes back as moderate/high, you can now refer yourself to a local Healthier You service for support.

Ms Cooper said: "I'd like to encourage all my constituents to use this vital tool, to understand whether they are at risk of developing diabetes."

We need to ensure everyone is doing what they can to protect themselves."

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Council chiefs in pledge to MP to improve drains near to flooded school

Report by Henry James

LANCASHIRE County Council has given a commitment to West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper to undertake significant improvement and unblocking work on drains near and under Aughton Town Green Primary School.

LCC, who are the Local Lead Flood Authority, has responded to Ms Cooper's repeated concerns about flooding at the school, which have also been brought to their attention by headteacher Nick Huxley.

The storms in February and August caused flooding right through the school and forced it to close. Rosie Cooper MP has been in regular correspondence with LCC to ensure they took their responsibility seriously and ensure they undertake the investigative work required of them.

The MP commented: "I am pleased that after months of wrangling with Lancashire County Council they have finally undertaken the investigation work which has identified a series of improvements under the school and through private land.



Aughton Town Green Primary School

"This work is necessary to unlock the proper flow of surface water through this particular drainage system."

"The headteacher, staff, parents, pupils and local residents have all been clear for some time that there are issues with the drainage system in this area, while the school have already spent over £10,000 trying to resolve this themselves."

"It is disappointing that LCC have let the school flood on so many occasions before taking this action."

"LCC are now working on their action plan which will be available next month with further works in the public highway that may also be of benefit downstream from the school on Town Green Lane also under consideration."

"The council have further committed to 'unravelling the remaining complex network of drains in the area' and identify where additional investment might be worthwhile."

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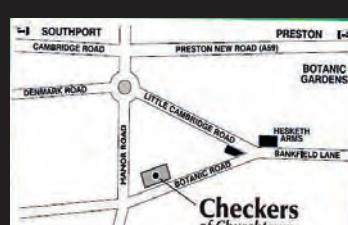


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Residents asked for their views on how to best spend developers' levy cash

RESIDENTS are being asked their views by West Lancashire Borough Council on what to spend the money raised from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on.

The CIL allows the council to raise funds from developers who are undertaking new building projects in the borough.

The money is then reinvested into infrastructure to support new developments. Each year the council shortlist a number of projects to receive some of the funding.

This year these are: £40,000 to improve the Cheshire Lines path; £30,000 to extend play area provision at Long Heyes, Skelmersdale; £50,000 to provide environmental and access improvements to the woods at Delph Clough, Elmers Clough and Westheads Clough, Skelmersdale; £19,000 to provide a replacement play area at Helmsdale, Skelmersdale; £31,555 to fund the Dial-a-ride transport service for one year; £385,000 to improve the towpath between Parbold and Appley Bridge.

Some of the CIL money the council collect is retained for use in the area the development is based within and is often passed to a parish council.

As Ormskirk does not have a parish council, the council has shortlisted a further two projects that they would like Ormskirk residents and businesses to tell the council their views on.

These are: £58,000 for improvements to West End playing field; and £10,000 for an extension to the play area at Halsall Lane Park.

Councillor David Evans, cabinet member for planning, said: "CIL money can really make a difference for our communities and we would like to hear how you think the money should be spent."

People can give their views at www.west-lancs.gov.uk/CFP until Friday, October 23 2020. Further information on the draft CIL Funding Programme is also available there.

All comments received will be considered as the council prepare their final recommendations. A final decision on how the council spend CIL monies will be made by our Cabinet later in 2020.

Due to national guidance the public consultation regarding the two Ormskirk projects is limited to Ormskirk residents and businesses.

Closing date soon to apply for a secondary school place

APPLICATIONS for secondary school places in Lancashire need to be in by Saturday, October 31.

The online application system is open until 11.59pm for all those applying for a secondary school place.

Online via Lancashire County Council's website is the quickest and easiest way to apply for a place.

It is important to remember that parents need to submit an application form for all children starting school, especially if the child has an older brother or sister at the school concerned.

If you're applying for a place for a child starting primary school, the closing date is Friday, January 15, but making sure your application is in early gives you extra time in case there are any changes.

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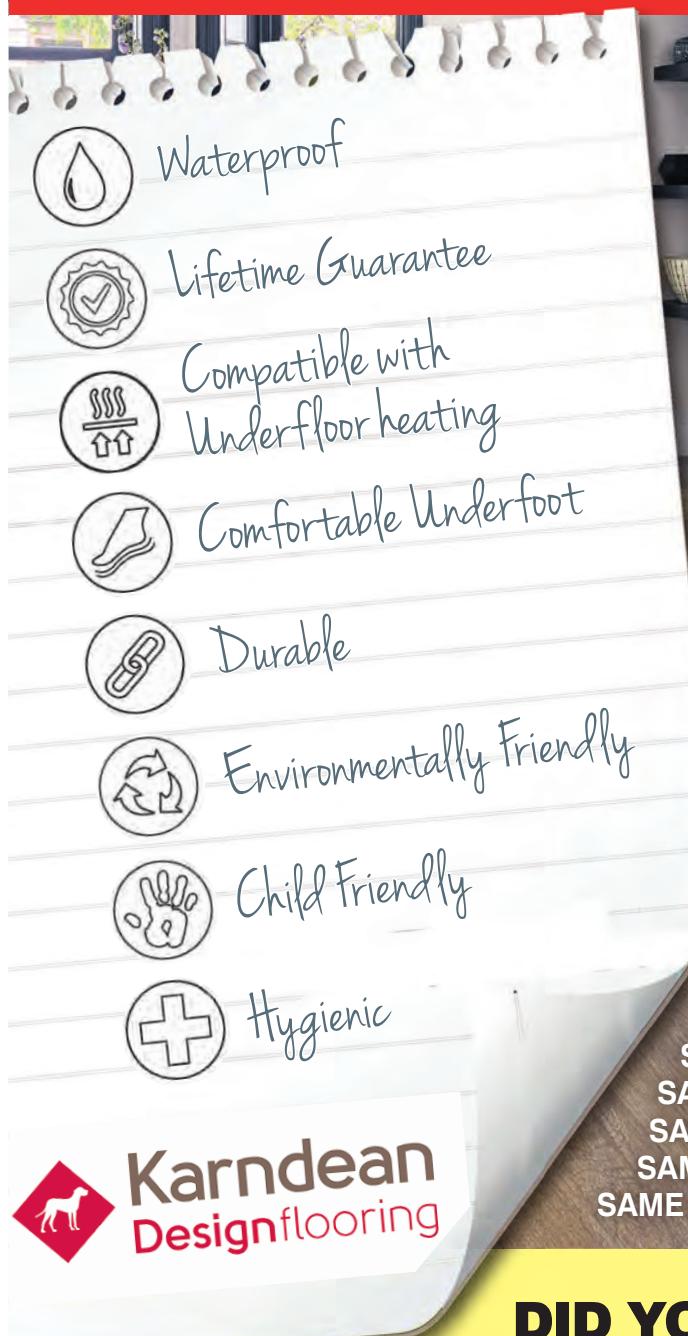
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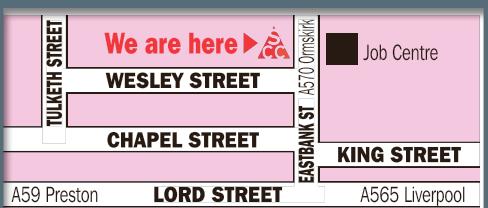
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Village church appeals for donations to help them cope during pandemic

A GIFT day will be held in Rufford this Saturday (October 17) to enable a church to continue carrying out important work within the community.

St Mary's church is in urgent need of support, as the effects of the coronavirus have left it struggling financially.

As well as providing regular services, the church carries out essential outreach work which includes collecting for local food banks and supporting charities.

A spokesperson for St Mary's said: "We are tremendously grateful for all the support we have received over the years.

"However, the costs of maintaining the church and its ministry in Rufford each year are now around £10,000 more than the income the church receives in 'giving' donations and fees.

"There is no central Church of England or Diocesan financial support available to churches and we estimate Rufford's finan-



Church members Sylvia Cottle (Traidcraft representative) and Jayne Rear with several of the items being distributed

cial reserves will be used up within four to five years."

The gift day will be held on Saturday between 10am and 3pm, when cash donations or cheques (payable to Rufford PCC) can be taken to the church. Anyone unable to give financially is asked to consider giving their time or skills to assist the parish.

Money donated will enable St Mary's to carry on holding events like its harvest, which took place earlier this month.

The event saw the church distributing produce to Queenscourt Hospice, the Trussell Trust food bank, Alsley Lodge care home, Preston's Fox Street mission and local families in need.

The food had been kindly donated by parishioners, schoolchildren and farmers in the area.

Anyone wanting to attend Rufford's regular church services will always be made welcome. These are held on Sundays at either 8am or 10.30am and on Thursdays at 7pm.

Additionally, the premises are open for private prayer every Tuesday and Saturday, from 10am to 3pm.

St Mary's is a 'Covid-safe' building, but spaces are limited so booking is essential by phoning 01704 821464 or emailing caslake@btinternet.com and everyone is asked to wear a face covering.

Solicitors to hold 'Will Month' for charities

AN Ormskirk firm will hold its annual Charity Will Month to support Ormskirk Civil Hall and Freshfield Animal Rescue.

Dickinson Parker Hill Solicitors raised more than £12,500 last year and since 2009 have raised £116,000 for a number of local causes.

Michael Prendergast, a Partner at Dickinson Parker Hill, said: "The last few

months have been difficult for everyone and many charities have suffered a significant drop in their income.

"We wanted to help two local charities that we know local people in Ormskirk, Southport and across Lancashire benefit from and support. We are very happy to be helping the Civic and Freshfields and hope that we

can raise as much as possible to support them."

Helen Stanbury, Director of Freshfields Animal Rescue, added: "We are delighted to continue our relationship with Michael and his colleagues at DPH for Charity Wills Month 2020."

Liz Wainwright from Ormskirk Civic Hall said: "We were absolutely delighted to

have been chosen by DPH as their charity this year. We are extremely grateful to them and their clients for supporting The Civic through Charity Will Month."

If you would like more information or wish to make an appointment, call Dickinson Parker Hill Solicitors on 01695 574 201 or 01704 504 381.

Health experts warn of dementia signs

NHS leaders in West Lancashire are using World Alzheimer's Month to urge residents to contact their GP if they have early signs of the illness.

Dr Ros Bonsor, local GP and clinical mental health lead for NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "World

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Scientific evidence (Source GOV UK) shows that coronavirus presents a much lower risk to children than adults, there will of course still be risks, but early education providers have put in place a range of protective measures to help reduce the risks. They will do their own health and safety risks, understand that some children may experience anxiety and have measures in place to help, and of course will be in regular contact with their local health protection teams if there is a local outbreak. For any extra curricular activities such as breakfast clubs and after-school activities etc, the early education providers will have adapted to ensure protective measures and you can always contact them direct to see what they are doing differently and to find out more information on what changes they have made.

This news will hopefully encourage you to take up a place for your child as attending childcare can help provide a routine as young children develop their social skills. It will also improve their educational progress and well being. This feature aims to highlight and remind parents as to the benefits of placing your child in an early years setting



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With so many parents both working full time these days the issue of childcare is a major one

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- Give yourself plenty of time to choose. Holiday play schemes and other seasonal childcare service can booked up well in advance.
- Make appointments to visit two or three providers to compare what's on offer. This will allow you to look at the services available and chat to the staff.

- Always consider your child in your decision, even if they are far too young to make a choice themselves. Where do you think they would prefer?
- Ask other parents for their suggestions and recommendations.
- Check opening times, holiday dates and, most importantly, costs.



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DEATHS

CRAWFORD BRIAN

8th October 2020

Aged 85 Years

Died peacefully at Melrose Court Rest Home.

Beloved Husband to the late Janetta. Loving Father to Scott. Dear Brother to John, Roy and the late Jean.

Many thanks to all at Melrose Court Rest Home for all their loving care and attention.

Service at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 20th October at 11am. Due to the current circumstances only immediate family and friends to attend. Donations if desired to Alzheimer's Society.

Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roes Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone 01704 500086

RATCLIFFE ARTHUR

After a long illness peacefully passed away at Lyndale Nursing Home on 2nd October 2020 aged 80 years

Much loved Husband of Mary. Much loved Dad of Ian and Brian. Arthur will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 15th October 2020 at 2 pm.

Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Parkinsons Society.

Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeral Directors, 8 Station Rd, Ainsdale PR8 3HS Tel 01704 575282.

DEATHS

SEWARD TERESA MARGARET (PEGGY)

2ND October 2020

Aged 93 Years

Died unexpectedly, but peacefully and is now at rest.

Dearly loved Wife of the late Ken. Greatly loved Mother, Mother-in-law and Grandmother of Paul, Caroline, Charlotte and Alexander. In later years, much loved partner of David. Peggy will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Service at St Joseph's R.C Church on Wednesday 21st October at 12

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**ANDERSON
ANNIE**

Passed away peacefully at home on
2nd October 2020
Aged 87 Years

Much loved Wife of the late George. Mother to Ross and Julie. Mother in law to Malcolm and Lesley. Grandmother to Megan, Scott, Jack and Matthew. Annie will be deeply missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Tuesday 20th October 2pm. Due to current Covid restrictions, numbers are limited within the Crematorium Chapel, anyone wishing to attend will be welcome to view the service from outside observing current social distancing conditions. Family flowers only but if desired donations to Queenscourt Hospice.

C/o Broadbent & Seddon Funeral Directors, 33 Liverpool Road, Southport, PR8 4AG. Tel: 01704 550055

**COVENTRY
ALBERT
JOHN**

Peacefully in hospital on
28th September 2020
Aged 89 Years

Dearly loved and treasured Husband of the late Joyce (died 22nd April 2020).

Much loved by all his family, he will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral to take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 21st October at 10.00am.

All enquiries to Broadbent & Seddon Funeral Directors 33 Liverpool Road, Southport, PR8 4AG. Tel 01704 550055

**HENDRIKSE
MARY
ELIZABETH
"ALICE"**

Sadly passed away peacefully at home on 8th October 2020 aged 86 years

Loving wife of the late Leo. Mother to Cynthia, late Lawrence, Angela, Stephen, Paul, Michelle and Pamela. a Nan to 20, a great Nan, and also a great great Nan

She passed away early morning quietly in her sleep, and 'will be deeply missed'.

Funeral Service Thursday 22nd October at 1pm West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. Due to current restrictions around Covid-19, only close family and friends allowed inside the crematorium chapel.

Those wishing to attend and watch the service from outside will be welcome.

All enquiries to Hunters Funerals, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk. 01695 572997.

**SPENCER
MARJORIE
(NEE ASHALL)**

Peacefully in hospital on 10th October 2020
Aged 83 years

Much loved and devoted Wife to Jim. A loving Mum to Paul and David and Mother in law to Lynn and Leila. A cherished Grandma to Jessica, Hannah, Thomas and Joshua and a dear Sister to Joan and Kathleen. Marjorie will be greatly missed by all her family many friends and neighbours.

A funeral service will be held at Upholland Methodist Church followed by cremation at St Helens Crematorium. Following Government Guidelines, donations in memory of Marjorie will be given to the team of carers at Guardian Care Services. To whom the family will be forever grateful for the quality and most dignified care given to Marjorie.

All enquiries to R. Banks & Son (Funerals) Stretton House, 23 Hall Green, Upholland, Wigan. Tel (0195) 622099 .www.rbanksandson.co.uk

**RANKIN
RICHARD**

3rd October 2020
passed away peacefully in Springfield Court Nursing Home
Aged 80 years.

Dear Brother of Roy, greatly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, on Wednesday 21st October 2020 at 2.00pm. Family flowers only, donations if so desired can be sent to a charity of one's own choice.

All Enquiries to Margaret Whitlam Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Skelmersdale Tel 01695 559868

**LEDDEN
FRANCIS
'FRANK'**

5th October 2020
Died peacefully
After a short illness surrounded by family
Aged 75 Years

Born Scottie Road, Liverpool and latterly of Skelmersdale then Southport.

Beloved Husband of the late Jill. Proud Father to Andrea and the late Carl. Much loved Grandad to his six Grandsons and four Great Grandchildren.

Reunited with Jill and Carl, will be deeply missed by all his family, friends and his little dog Fudge.

Rest In Peace Dad. Forever in our hearts.

Funeral Service at Green Acres, Rainford, WN11 7HX at 10.00am on Friday 16th October 2020. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice.

Enquiries to Devenport Funeral Services. 01695 731199

**LEDDEN
FRANK**

To a dear friend after 50 years
Rest in peace
Dave J, Dot and Robbie

**CARR
JOHN FRANCIS**

Aged 85 years

14th November 1934 - 2nd October 2020

A True Gentleman**Died suddenly but peacefully at home**

Kind, Witty, Gentle, Caring beloved husband of Pat Carr. Dad (& In-Law) to Kerry (Paul), Andrew (Tina) & Suzanne. Grandad to Simon, Alice, Paul & Matty. Brother of Maureen, Betty, Kay, Jimmy, Michael & Francis.

A friend & co worker to many.

A celebration of Johns life will be held on 21st October 2020.

Due to Covid restrictions the family are really sorry as numbers are limited.

However a 1972 Ambulance Funeral Entourage will depart - 10.10am from Greenwood Close along Prescot Road to St Marys RC Church. 11.30am to Noon Depart St Marys to West Lancs Crematorium, Burscough.

There will be video links from each venue.

Donations if desired directly to family or Queenscourt Hospice & North West Ambulance Service NHS Charity.

Further enquiries to MLS, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. L39 5DZ 01695 424888

DEATHS

**MARTIN
GRAHAM
ARTHUR**

13th March 1947
To
2nd October 2020

Loving Partner to Hilary, adopted member to the Gaskell Family, and friend to many. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Funeral Service was held at West Lancs Crematorium yesterday on Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 10.00am. (Covid 19 rules apply to attending the service)

Family flowers only please by request, but donation in Memory of Graham if desired can be sent directly to Macmillan Nurses.

Further enquires please to Anabel Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough. Tel. 01704 891555

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**MILSOM
RONA**

27th September 2020
After a short illness, peacefully in hospital, aged 91 years.

Much loved Wife of the late Alec. Much loved Mum of Barbara, Karen and the late John and Jennifer. Dear Mother-in-law of Alyson, Cliff and the late Ian. Loving Nana of Paul, Nicola, Vicky, Caroline, Colin, Sarah, Ben and Robbie. Loving Sister of Rose and the late Ann. Rona will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Service and Committal was held on Tuesday 13th October 2020 at Southport Crematorium, attended by her close family. The family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice.

Further enquiries to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ. Telephone 01704 212714.

**THELWELL
RENEE**

Passed away
8th October 2020
aged 88 years.

Dealy Loved Wife of Bill, Music Loved Mum of Wendy, Carole and Janet, Loved by all her Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren. Loved and missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium on Thursday 22nd October 2020 at 2.00pm. (Covid 19 Restrictions Apply)
Family flowers only please by request, but donations

In Memory of Renee can be sent directly to Woodlands Animal Sanctuary

Further enquires please to Lisa Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Telephone 01695 424888

**COVENTRY
ALBERT
JOHN**

Peacefully in hospital on
28th September 2020
Aged 89 Years

Dearly loved and treasured Husband of the late Joyce (died 22nd April 2020).

Much loved by all his family, he will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral to take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 21st October at 10.00am.

All enquiries to Broadbent & Seddon Funeral Directors 33 Liverpool Road, Southport, PR8 4AG. Tel 01704 550055

**BOOTH
VICTOR ALBERT
(VIC)**

5th October 2020

Peacefully in Hospital aged 78 years

Vic will be very sadly missed by all his Family and Friends.

Funeral service will take place at St Pauls Church on Monday 19th October at 2.15pm followed by committal at St helens Crematorium.

All Enquiries to Margaret Whitlam Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Skelmersdale Tel 01695 559868

**COVENTRY
ALAN
MACKIE**

Peacefully after a long illness
on 8th October 2020
Aged 92 Years.

Devoted Husband of Pauline. Much loved Father of Jason and Tanya and beloved Brother in law of Yvonne. Will be greatly missed.

Private funeral. Donations gratefully received for the Alzheimer's Society and Fight for Sight.

Further enquiries please to Sally Hunter, MLS Funeral Directors, 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport, PR9 8PF Tel: (01704) 227430

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**TOOLE
NORMA
JANE**

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aged 81 years
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of Len.
Loving Mum of Kelvin,
Lenny, Brendan,
Justin and Daryl.
A dear Mother in law
and devoted Nan to all
her Grand and Great
Grandchildren.

Funeral service took
place on Monday
12th October 2020.

All enquiries to
Melanie Hardman at
H Hardman & Co.,
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722122/720012

**TIERNEY
IRENE**

Passed away
peacefully in hospital
on 6th October 2020
aged 78 years

Irene will be sadly
missed by all her
family, friends.

Funeral Service and
Committal will take
place at Southport
Crematorium on
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October 2020
at 2 pm.
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Tel 01704 575282

DEATHS

**LYNCH
GLADYS
"GLAD"
Nee Harrison**

Peacefully at home with
Husband Jim, Daughter
Karen and Son Gary at
her side on 7th October
2020 aged 77 years

Much loved and
devoted Wife, Mum,
Grandma & Great
Grandma.

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by all her family and
friends.

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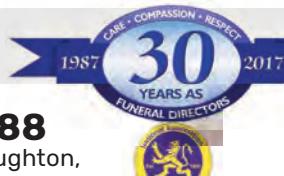
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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

(U472 BACK LANE, NEWBURGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic

Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, cycle or pedestrian to proceed over that length of U472 Back Lane, Newburgh from U5301 Hollowford Lane, Lathom for a distance of 230m in a South Easterly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 26th October 2020 until 1700 hours on Thursday 24th December 2020 or until completion of the works within this period. Access for pedestrians across the canal will be via the use of a floating pontoon.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: U472 Back Lane, Newburgh - U477 Back Lane, Newburgh - U3660 Sandy Lane, Newburgh - A5209 Course Lane, Newburgh - A5209 Lowry Hill Lane, Lathom - A5209 Briars Lane, Lathom - C164 Ring O Bells Lane, Lathom - U5301 Hollowford Lane, Lathom and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow works to improve the safety and reliability of Spencer's Swing Bridge and improve access for maintenance to be carried out by Hatton Traffic Management on behalf of the Canal and River Trust.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780
[Ref: HRIT/24753/EW]

Lancashire County Council
www.lancashire.gov.uk

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

(C104 SCHOOL LANE, DOWNHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic

Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C104 School Lane, Downholland from X6616 Plumb Court, Downholland for a distance of 35m in a Westerly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Saturday 24th October 2020 until 1700 hours on Sunday 1st November 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: C104 School Lane, Downholland - C105 School Lane, Downholland - C105 Black-A-Moor Lane, Downholland - B5195 Black-A-Moor Lane, Downholland - A5147 Delf Lane, Downholland - C104 School Lane, Downholland and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of two new manholes in the carriageway and a new sewer connection to be carried out under a S55 licence by Oakwood Construction Ltd.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780
[Ref: HRIT/25650/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council

Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2020/0688/FUL Change of use of Lowes Farm Barn to create 4 bed dwelling and 2no. 2 bed apartments. Erect an agricultural storage building on an existing concrete slab at Barn, Lowes Farm, Lowes Lane, Newburgh.

The application affects a Listed Building.

2020/0689/LBC Listed Building Consent - Change of use of Lowes Farm Barn to create 4 bed dwelling and 2no. 2 bed apartments. Erect an agricultural storage building on an existing concrete slab at Barn, Lowes Farm, Lowes Lane, Newburgh.

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2020/0837/FUL Sub-division of existing shop and change of use of Unit 1 to a Cafe and Unit 3 to a micro pub including internal and external alterations along with conversion of dwelling accommodation into 3 No self contained flats at Sydney Huyton And Son, 71 - 75 Town Green Lane, Aughton.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.west lancs.gov.uk/planning. If it is not possible for you to view the application via the Council's website please contact the office to discuss alternative arrangements for viewing the application. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development, Heritage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

How information about you will be used

Personal data provided by you will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties. Some of this information, including your name and address, will be published. Further information about this is available online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning and hard copies are available on request.

Heidi McDougall BSc (Hons), MBA Corporate Director of Place & Community PDNOT1109 Dated: 14th October 2020

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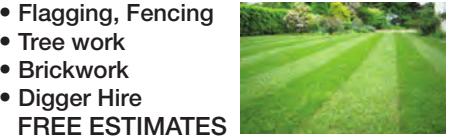
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Sorting things out after screwing them up is the really important bit!



YOU'RE welcome, if you happen to be the owner of a 1998 Rover 200 to which miraculous things have just happened. You've just been given a year's fresh MOT – and you didn't even lift a finger!

I've looked up said Rover and it's no longer listed on the DVLA's database, meaning that chances are it almost certainly ended up in a scrapyard or was broken up for spares years ago.

Yet a few weeks ago, and nearly a decade after it was last on our roads, it ended up being given a full year's ticket, with no advisories.

What's more, the MOT testers even managed to knock 1,500 miles off its mileage – not a bad result.

The reason why a Rover that's been deceased for the best part of a decade ended up getting a fresh ticket is because said certificate was actually meant for my own daily driver – a Toyota Avensis, which apart from being manufactured in the same year has absolutely nothing in common with the hatchback family hack from Longbridge.

Oh, except the registration number. Which, as it

turned out, is a single digit different from the Rover's and had been inputted incorrectly into the MoT tester's computer.

Luckily, I spotted the garage's error a couple of days later – in fact, had COVID-19 not reduced my four-wheeled outings to the bare minimum and left the Avensis, MOT paperwork still in the glovebox, consigned to the driveway.

The chaps at the garage admitted the error in inadvertently giving someone else's old Rover a free MOT, but because all of the MOT passes, fails and advisories are all linked up to a centrally run computer operated by the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency, the only way to rectify it was to book the Toyota in for another MOT inspection. Thank goodness it passed second time, too!

It's an honest human error which the chaps at the testing station apologised for the instant I rang them up and once it was back in the garage, the car, correct registration number intact, was legally back on the road – but it just goes to show that the DVLA, the DVSA and all the other government-run initials responsible for keeping our millions of motor cars in order aren't run by HAL-esque supercomputers, tended to by boffins with PHDs and MENSA membership cards; they're run by completely normal human beings, who rely on other human beings to input things correctly.

Humans, as my IT teacher at school was forever telling me, make mistakes. Lots of them, as it turns out.

I'm forever being told about them on the day job at Classic Car Weekly – people who have been fined for breaking rules that old cars are exempt from, normally – but the thing I always have to



A 22-year-old Rover somewhere has accidentally been given a new MoT

remember is that there isn't some evil organisation in Whitehall somewhere determined to make motorists' lives hell. It's always certainly down to the equivalent of someone pressing the wrong button on the washing machine, and then discovering all their T-shirts are two sizes too small.

People screw things up all the time – it's the

sorting things out afterwards that's the important bit.

Then again, if it gives someone's old Rover 200 a free MOT, it can't be all bad...

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

First ever all-electric Mazda will arrive in its showrooms in March



MAZDA'S first ever all-electric model will arrive in its showrooms across the North West next March.

The MX-30 uses an AC synchronous electric motor and a 35.5kWh lithium-ion battery rather than a conventional engine, which its maker says will give it a

range of 124 miles and can be charged to 80 per cent of its full charge in 36 minutes.

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Renault has revisited its hot hatches



Renault has updated its RS300 and RS Trophy Megane models

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£10.00
Purchase Fee: £0.04p/mile

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£0.04p/mile

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1.2 83PS**



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Optional Final Payment: £6,216.00
Cash Price: £17,485.54
Cash Deposit: £0.00
Annual Mileage: 6,000
£0.04p/mile
Deposit Allowance: £3,000.00
Purchase Fee: £10.00

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Amount of Credit: £14,485.54
Total Charge for Credit: £1,599.52
Total Amount Payable: £19,085.06
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Excess Mileage: 6,000
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PCP Duration: 48 Months
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Optional Final Payment: £5,572.00
Cash Price: £14,895.00
Cash Deposit: £14.895.00
Annual Mileage: 6,000
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Deposit Allowance: £750.00
Purchase Fee: £10.00

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Amount of Credit: £8,392.00
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DEPOSIT**
**£147
PER MONTH**

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DEPOSIT**
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PER MONTH**

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• 28131 Miles
• White
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DEPOSIT**
**£168
PER MONTH**

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59 Reg Ford Fiesta Zetec Auto
• 38522 Miles
• Red
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DEPOSIT**
**£73
PER MONTH**

16 Reg Peugeot 208 Active
• 47830 Miles
• Black
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DEPOSIT**
**£105
PER MONTH**

17 Reg Peugeot 108 Allure
• 24789 Miles
• Red
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£1,000
DEPOSIT**
**£129
PER MONTH**

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DEPOSIT**
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PER MONTH**

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DEPOSIT**
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PER MONTH**

Vauxhall ZAFIRA Tourer 2.0 Cdti 130 SE Efx S/S
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DEPOSIT**
**£149
PER MONTH**

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• 10742 Miles
• White
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£1,000
DEPOSIT**
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PER MONTH**

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